

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 696 - SB 850

March 16, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the *Doctor of Medical Science Act*. Requires the Board of Medical Examiners (Board) to grant an applicant a license as a Doctor of Medicine (DOM), if the person previously has been licensed and served in clinical practice for at least three years in one or more states as a physician assistant; is a graduate of a minimum two-year DOM science program accredited by a regional body under the United States Department of Education; has successfully completed the examination on the certification of DOM science; and provides satisfactory evidence of an affiliation or association with a hospital, group practice, or a list of physicians with medical expertise outside the expertise of the person seeking licensure as a Doctor of Medical Science, as determined by the Board.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - \$90,200/Board of Medical Examiners

Increase State Expenditures – Less than \$90,200/Board of Medical Examiners

Other Fiscal Impact – Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Medical Examiners had an annual surplus of \$359,446 in FY14-15, an annual surplus of \$382,952 in FY15-16, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$3,041,785 on June 30, 2016.

Assumptions:

- Currently, the Board assesses a \$410 application fee for licensure as a medical doctor. There are approximately 22,000 licensed physicians in Tennessee.
- Assuming at least one-percent of physicians, or 220 physicians, will apply for a Doctor of Medicine license and be charged a similar fee as medical doctors, the recurring increase in state fee revenue is estimated to be \$90,200 (220 physicians x \$410).
- The increase in state expenditures associated with the additional licensing requirements are estimated to be less than \$90,200 (220 physicians x \$410).
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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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